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FOR AMBLER MOSS FROM DOUGLAS BENNET

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PAN

SUBJECT: PANAMA TREATIES

PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT DECONCINI LANGUAGE PRINTED
BELOW, REGARDING CLOSURE. HE WAS AWARE OF YOUR CABLE AND
PANAMANIAN SENSITIVITIES ON THIS ISSUE, BUT HAD NO CHOICE
GIVEN NEED FOR VOTES. YOU WILL NOTE THAT LANGUAGE HAS BEEN
ALTERED TO MAKE IT MUTUAL. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE
LANGUAGE ITSELF IS MANAGEABLE, BUT THAT INTERPRETATION
COULD EXPAND ITS IMPACT SO COMMENT SHOULD BE MINIMIZED.
IN NO CASE SHOULD THERE BE REFERENCE TO PLEBISCITE.

TEXT FOLLOWS:

"INTENDED TO BE PROPOSED BY MR. DECONCINI (FOR HIMSELF AND
MR. FORD) TO THE RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY
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CONCERNING THE PERMANENT NEUTRALITY AND OPERATION OF THE
PANAMA CANAL, DONE AT WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1977.

"(AS AMENDED)

"STRIKE OUT THE PERIOD AT THE END OF THE RESOLUTION OF
RATIFICATION AND INSERT IN LIEU THEREOF A COMMA AND THE

FOLLOWING: 'SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY TO BE EX-CHANGED WITH THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE V OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THE TREATY, IF THE CANAL IS CLOSED, OR ITS OPERATIONS ARE INTERFERED WITH, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA SHALL EACH INDEPENDENTLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE IN PANAMA, TO REOPEN THE CANAL OR RESTORE THE OPERATIONS OF THE CANAL, AS THE CASE MAY BE.'"

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